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1. INDOCHINA

USAID MISSION TO LAOS CLOSED AT BEHEST PL, ENDING 20-YR
PROGRAM THAT COMMITTED 1 BILLION DOLS (WSJ; AP, NYT;
PHINQ; WP). US OFFICIALS DOUBT FURTHER AID WILL BE PROVIDED
BY WASHINGTON (AP, NYT; PHINQ; WP). LAST 2 USAID
PERSONNEL DEPART LAOS (WP), LEAVING 57 US OFFICIALS IN
COUNTRY (PHINQ). US EMBASSY OFFICERS MAKE NO
SECRET OF FEARS PERSONNEL REMAINING MAY BE DETAINED
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IF TALKS ON TURNING OVER USAID PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT,
PROVE FRUITLESS (GLOBE).

LAOTIAN GOVT ANNOUNCES ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10 INDEFINITELY POSTPONED (WP), EVEN THOUGH CABINET HAD DECIDED CONSTITUTION REQUIRED THEM. CABINET OK'ED NEW OFFICIALS CHOSEN AS RESULT PL-INSPIRED PROTEST ACTIONS THROUGHOUT PART OF COUNTRY NOMINALLY CONTROLLED BY VIENTIANE, BUT RESTATED THEY SHOULD BE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED; THIS AMOUNTS TO REAFFIRMING PRINCIPLE, WHILE CONDONING ISOLATION. LAOS REPORTEDLY INVITES TOURISTS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, BUT TRAVELERS WITH DOCUMENTS APPROVED

BY PL OFFICIALS TURNED BACK AT ROADBLOCKS. ACTIONS ILLUSTRATE GULF BETWEEN REALITY, APPEARANCE, IN LAOS

SOLDIERS, OFFICIALS OF FORMER GVN PROMISED FULL CITIZENSHIP IF THEY SUPPORT NEW REGIME (UPI, WP). HAGUE, SAIGON ESTABLISH FULL DIP RELATIONS (REUTER, CSM). UNCENSORED LETTER FROM JAPANESE IN SAIGON SMUGGLED OUT, SAYS THOUSANDS BEING SENT OUT OF CITY TO COUNTRY-SIDE TO BE "RE-EDUCATED" IN WHAT PRG CALLS AGRARIAN REVOLUTION; POPULATION CONFUSED, UNCERTAIN, WITH UNEMPLOYMENT HIGH AND LITTLE MONEY IN CIRCULATION. RADIO REPORTS FROM SAIGON, HANOI, MENTION MASSIVE RE-EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS, BUT MAKE NO MENTION RELOCATING SAIGON CITIZENS (PHINQ).

FORMER DOD OFFICIAL IN SVN, WHOSE JOB WAS TO BUY OIL PRODUCTS FOR THIEU REGIME, ARRESTED -- CHARGED WITH BILKING USG OF 1.2 MILLION DOLS (WSJ; UPI, PHINQ).

NZ, NVN ESTABLISH DIP RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. SVN WORKERS IN NORTH BEING GIVEN SPECIAL HOLIDAYS VISIT RELATIVES IN SOUTH, ACCORDING NHAN DAN. UNICEF OFFICIAL SAYS AGENCY EXPECTS GREATLY INCREASE NVN AID, NOW WAR OVER; ADDS NOT KNOWN IF WILL BE ALLOWED BACK INTO CAMBODIA (WP).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

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SAIGON ASSURES UNHCR REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES WHO WANT RETURN COULD BEGIN WITHIN FEW WEEKS. REFUGEE WHO VOLUNTEERED RETURN SAYS MANY MORE WILL ASK REPATRIATION IF FIRST GROUP NOT SUBJECT TO REPRISALS (PHINQ). IN SF, FED JUDGE GIVES INS 90 DAYS DETERMINE IF 2000 VIET CHILDREN BROUGHT INTO US REALLY ORPHANS (PHINQ; CSM).

PHINQ'S RAWLS TELLS STORY OF VIET REFUGEES WHO CAREFULLY PACKED GOLD, IMPORTANT PAPERS IN SUITCASES, THEN SAW LUGGAGE THROWN OUT COPTER DOOR BY MARINES WHEN

OVERLOADED AIRCRAFT COULD NOT ASCEND. NYT'S KNEELAND SAYS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED FEARS THAT MANY REFUGEES ILLITERATE, DIFFICULT TO RESETTLE, APPEAR UNFOUNDED.

3. KOREA

WSJ FRONTPAGE ITEM REPORTS "US ANALYSTS" SAYING SCARE STORIES ABOUT NEW KOREAN WAR ARE OVERDONE. SOURCES FIND OUTLOOK CALM, DISMISS WAR TALK ON BOTH SIDES AS

MORE RHETORIC THAN REALITY. ONE US OFFICIAL REPORTED SAYING, "WHEN YOU READ THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, YOU DON'T GET SCARED"; HE EVEN REPORTED "INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IS CHUCKLING" OVER WORRY AIRED IN QRESS. ANALYSTS SUGGEST PRES PARK WHIPS UP CONCERN TO ENSURE CONTINUED US MIL SUPPORT. ONE MIL MAN SHRUGS OFF NK WARNINGS, DECLARES MIL BALANCE CLEARLY NOT IN PYONGYANG'S FAVOR.

PRES PARK TELLS OBERDORFER (WP) US AND SK COMMANDS BELIEVE SHORT, CONCENTRATED, SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST SEOUL IS LIKELIEST POSSIBILITY IF NK DECIDES ON MIL ACTION IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. SAYS QUESTION WHETHER TO STRIKE NK FRONT-LINE BORDER AREAS OR RETALIATE AGAINST PYONGYANG WOULD BE UP TO US PRES, SECDEF; WOULD BE ALSO MATTER FOR FORD WHETHER NUKES USED. PARK DENIES NEWSWEEK REPORT HE ORDERED HIS DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNDERTAKE STUDY OF NUKE WEAPONRY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

AT 6/27 SEOUL AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTURE,
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FOLLOWING DAY-LONG VISIT, CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MACEACHEN SAID PARK ASSURED HIM SK HAS NO PLAN DEVELOP NUKE WAR CAPABILITIES. DECLARED GOC HAS ALREADY DECIDED SUPPLY SK NUKE POWER REACTOR, NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY FOR BILATERAL SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT ENSURING ROKG WILL USE IT ONLY FOR PEACEFUL, NON-EXPLOSIVE PURPOSES. MINISTER RENEWED ASSURANCE OF GOC SUPPORT FOR SK POSITION IN UN DEBATE ON KOREAN UNIFICATION (REUTER SEOUL).

4. JAPAN

JAPANESE FREIGHTER RESCUES 25 SVIETNAMESE DRIFTING ON BOAT ABOUT 400 MILES OFF SAIGON EARLY 6/27; SHIP TO ARRIVE OSAKA 7/2 (REUTER).

SOVIETS URGE JAPAN EXTEND CREDITS FOR DEVELOPMENT SIBERIA NATURAL RESOURCES, DECLARING SUCH CREDITS WILL HELP PROMOTE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM. EARLY CONCLUSION SOVIET-JAPAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION TREATY ALSO EMPHASIZED

(AP, CHITRIB).

LEFTIST JAPANESE RED ARMY MEMBER BURNS HIMSELF TO DEATH AT US KARENA AFB, OKINAWA, PROTESTING PROPOSED VISIT CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO, WHO WILL MARK OKINAWA RETURN TO JAPAN. LEFTISTS CONTEND CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS PRINCE ASSUMING POLITICAL ROLES (PHINQ).

ASST SECSTATE ENDERS MEETS WITH DIRECTOR FONMIN'S ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, STATING US HOPES HOLD OIL-PRODUCER/OIL CONSUMER CONFERENCE SOON AS POSSIBLE (WP). ENDERS TOLD TOKYO UNABLE ACCEPT FORD ADMIN'S PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT MINIMUM WORLD CRUDE OIL PRICE, STATING OPEC NATIONS "MOST PROBABLY" WILL NOT AGREE WITH SUCH PROGRAM, CAUSING "COMPLICATIONS" (CULLISON, JOC).

PROMINENT JAPANESE ECONOMISTS WARN COUNTRY'S GROWTH RATE FY 1975 WILL BE ABOUT ZERO UNLESS MIKI TAKES MASSIVE BUSINESS STIMULATION MEASURES, WITHOUT WHICH RECESSION LIKELY CONTINUE (CULLISON).

MITSUBISHI YUKA AND CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS ANNOUNCE
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AGREEMENT FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING NEW PAIN-KILLING, FEVER-REDUCING TABLET BOTH PRODUCED LAST FALL (JOC).

TOYO KOGYO CO, MAKER ROTARYENGINE MAZDA CARS, FORCED SELL "SIZABLE CHUNK" OF ASSETS IN ORDER CONTINUE PAYING DIVIDEND. FIRM'S PRES SAYS WORST PART BUSINESS SLUMP OVER, WITH EXPORT DEMAND, PRODUCTION INCREASING (WSJ).

JAPAN FIRM RECEIVES WORLD'S LARGEST OIL TANKER; NO DATE SET FOR PERSIAN GULF MAIDEN VOYAGE (JOC).

5. THAILAND

RTG POLICE SAY ARTILLERY-BACKED KR REINFORCEMENTS MOVED INTO AREA WHERE 5 KHMER TROOPS REPORTEDLY KILLED IN CLASH WITH THAI BORDER GUARDS. CALL SITUATION CRITICAL, CONSIDERING CALLING FOR ARMY SUPPORT (WP).

USAF FLIES 14 PLANES OUT IN CONTINUATION RAPID MIL WITHDRAWAL; MORE AIRCRAFT DUE OUT 6/28 (REUTER, BANGKOK).

6. CHINA

NCNA DISPATCH REPORTS MEETING BETWEEN CHOU AND US PROFESSOR OF CHINESE ORIGIN, BUT FOR FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN YEAR OMITS SAYING CHOU IN HOSPITAL (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. KOREA

WSTAR'S O'LEARY (6/26) SAYS PRES' STATEMENT WEDNESDAY THAT HE DOES NOT RULE OUT USING NUKES IN EVENT OF NK DRIVE SOUTHWARD "LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT FORD RETAINS THE OPTION FOR A FIRST STRIKE INASMUCH AS PYONGYANG HAS NO NUCLEAR ARMS."

PHINQ VOICES CONCERN AS "FORD RATTLES THE BOMB" AT NK.
PRES' "IMPRECISE" COMMENT WEDNESDAY MAY OR MAY NOT FRIGHTEN PYONGYANG, "BUT IT CERTAINLY FRIGHTENED US AND, WE SHOULD
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THINK, MUCH OF" REST OF WORLD, INCLUDING JAPAN. IF THIS IS LESSON FORD HAS LEARNED FROM VN, IT IS WRONG LESSON; HIS PREDECESSORS HAD GOOD POLICY AND "ONLY SANE ONE"-- THAT US WOULD NOT BE FIRST TO USE NUKES.

GLOBE (6/27) URGES US LET POST-VN DUST SETTLE FOR YEAR OR SO, USING TIME TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR THAW IN RELATIONS WITH NK THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES, SELECTED VISITS BY ACADEMICS AND JOURNALISTS. SUCH GESTURES, IF EXPLAINED TO SK, JAPAN, COULD CERTAINLY DO NO HARM, COULD DO MUCH GOOD. DOS ALSO SHOULD EXERT INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE PARK RELAX REPRESSIVE DOMESTIC POLICIES; IF THIS FAILS, CONGRESS WOULD BE JUSTIFIED CURTAILING MIL AID WHICH CEMENTS HIM IN PRESIDENCY.

LAT (6/25) FEELS CHANCES OF NK INVASION SK ARE SLIGHT; MAJOR DANGER FACING ROKG TODAY IS INTERNAL. USG MUST CONSTANTLY MAKE CLEAR ITS DISAPPROVAL PARK'S MISTAKES, WHILE INTENSIFYING CONTACTS WITH HIS OPPONENTS IN POLITICS, JOURNALISM, CLERGY, ARTS, SCHOOLS.

CHITRIB'S MABLEY CITES "CHILLING WORDS" FROM TWO WASHINGTON COLUMNISTS WHO USUALLY REFLECT ADMIN IDEAS--THAT US HAS PLAN OF RETALIATION FOR ANY ATTACK ON SK; GOAL WOULD BE SHORT, VIOLENT WAR LASTING LITTLE MORE THAN WEEK WITH FEW US CASUALTIES; INVASION ROUTES WOULD BE HIT BY NEARLY 1,000 DAILY AIR RAIDS, INCLUDING DEVASTATING B-52 RAID;, AND INFANTRY WOULD CLEAN UP DECIMATED NK FORCES. MABLEY REGSITERS "EMPHATIC DISSENT" FROM ASSERTION US PEOPLE WOULD SUPPORT NEW ONE-WEEK ASIA WAR. SAYS IF THERE WERE REMOTE POSSIBILITY HODLING IT TO ONE WEEK, AND NOT BEING DRAGGED INTO ANOTHER LONG WAR, BOMBING MIGHT GET SUPPORT; BUT THIS PLAN COMES FROM PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT US INTO VN WAR.

8. INDOCHINA

CDN'S KEYES BEECH (6/24) NOTES NO ONE IN WASHINGTON TALKS ABOUT VN EXCEPT HANDFUL SEA HANDS WHO YEARN RETURN TO GOOD OLD DAYS THAT NO LONGER EXIST. CALLS GRAHAM MARTIN CENTRAL, MOST DRAMATIC FIGURE IN SAIGON'S CLOSING DAYS. POINTS OUT SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN WANT QUESTION AMB ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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EVACUATION, SOME WANT CRUCIFY HIM, BUT NO CLAMOR ON HILL FOR HIS RETURN. RELIEVES MARTIN'S EVENTUAL RETURN NOT LIKELY KICK UP MUCH STIR, SINCE "NO POLITICAL HAY IN IT." OPINES REASONS FOR SILENCE ON VN ARE EVERYONE FED UP WITH HEARING ABOUT IT, SUBJECT TOO PAINFUL TO THINK ABOUT. DOUBTS POLITICAL BLOODBATH SIMILAR TO THAT FOLLOWING CHINA'S FALL IS IN CARDS, SINCE WORLD HAS CHANGED AND COMMUNISTS HAVE BECOME RESPONSIBLE.

CHITRIB'S KIRK QUOTES THUCYDIDES, SEES PARALLEL BETWEEN PELOPONNESIAN WAR, US INVOLVEMENT INDOCHINA. SAYS TOO SOON TO KNOW HOW USSR, PRC, JAPAN, OTHER STRONG NATIONS WILL RESPOND TO US' FIRST TOTAL, ABJECT FAILURE IN WAR.

9. THAILAND

PHINQ THINKS HAK ATLANTA SPEECH MESSAGE ON BASES EMINENTLY SENSIBLE; SAYS REFERRAL WAS TO GREECE, THAILAND, TURKEY, HOPEFULLY ALSO SPAIN. BASES FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE, AND IF COUNTRIES WANT GO IT ALONE, IS THEIR PEROGATIVE AND WE SHOULD NOT TRY THRUST UNWELCOME PRESENCE UPON THEM -- AND CANNOT SUCCUMB TO THREATS, BLACKMAIL.

EVANS/NOVAK (GLOBE 6/26) SAY BICKERING OVER MEO TRIBESMEN INFLAMES US-THAI RELATIONS, AS RTG SEEKS SURVIVAL IN POST-VN SEA BY "FRANTICALLY EMBRACING" COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS. BANGKOK TALKS WITH NVN STALEMATED OVER HANOI'S DEMAND FOR US PLANES BROUGHT IN BY FLEEING VIETS. THAI OFFICIALS FEEL LACK OF US HELP ON PROBLEM REFLECTS USG'S REFUSAL ACCEPT NEW SEA, BUT US "ABANDONED INDOCHINA" AND NOW MUST LIVE WITH IT. SAY TENSIONS HEIGHTENED BY NON-COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WASHINGTON, US EMBASSY. WONDER IF HISTORIC THAI POLICY OF ACCOMMODATING STRENGTH WILL EFFECTIVELY RESTRAIN COMMUNISM; OPINE INSURGENCY EXPANSION SUGGESTS IT MAY NOT.

10. CHINA

DAILY 6/27 PHOTO, SHOWING CHOU OUTDOORS FIRST TIME IN MANY MONTHS, WITH VISITING AMERICAN-CHINESE PROFESSOR, UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NCNA TACIT ADMISSION THURSDAY, BY DROPPING HOSPITAL REFERENCE IN REPORT OF THIS MEETING, THAT PREMIER NO LONGER IN HOSPITAL. SUGGESTS CHOU MAY BE ABOUT RESUME MORE PROMINENT ROLE IN PRC POLITICS. OBSERVERS ADD PRC DECISION TO CONFIRM CHOU NO LONGER HOSPITALIZED, AND TO PRESENT HIM IN MORE ENERGETIC POSTURE, APPEARS INDICATE PEKING LEADERSHIP DESIRES HE PLAY MORE PUBLICLY PROMINENT ROLE, BUT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN HE WILL START PRESIDING OVER STATE VISITS AGAIN. ROGERS SAYS IT AT LEAST ANSWERS TASS SUGGESTIONS CHOU BEING HELD "KIND OF PRISONER" BY LEFT-WING FACTION.

SUN'S WU, IN PEKING, REPORTS TWISTING ANKLE, PAYING "INFLATED" FOREIGN GUEST CHARGES OF \$2.85 FOR TREATMENT, X-RAY, MEDICINE. FEW IN CHINA NOT COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY INSURED UNDER MOST AMBITIOUS SOCIALIZED MEDICINE PROGRAM.

LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK, SAYS DESPITE GOVT, PUBLIC CENSURE, "BOURGEOIS" TRADITION OF PRIVATE DEALS GOES ON. PEKING FACES EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, SINCE DIFFICULT EITHER TO LEGISLATE OR INSTILL TOTALLY NEW MORALITY IN LITTLE MORE THAN 25 YEARS; CONFUCIAN TRADITION OF MUTUAL FAVORS TOO DEEPLY ROOTED.

11. GENERAL

SNOW (GLOBE) PONDERES "WORLD AT ITS VERY STRANGEST": MYSTERIOUS AUSTRALIAN CAIRNS AFFAIR; ASST SECSTATE HABIB'S HOUSE COMMITTEE TESTIMONY, IN WHICH HE "CANDIDLY CONDEMNS" SK, PHILS "MARTIAL LAW POLITICS," AND "JUST AS CANDIDLY CONDONED" US MILITARY BASES, SECURITY COMMITMENTS THERE.

HARSCH (CSM) STATES HAK NOW OPERATING UNDER HANDICAPS, INCLUDING "PERSONAL SHOCK" OF INDOCHINA COLLAPSE, "UNUSUAL AND UNNATURAL" TO HIM. SEATO ALLIANCE "ALL BUT MEANINGLESS," AS CHINESE-SOVIET RIVALRY HAS REPLACED US MILITARY PRESENCE'S STABILIZING FORCE IN SEA (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE)

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BARNETT (WSJ) SEES EA'S FUTURE DOMINATED BY 4-POWER EQUILIBRIUM, WITH LOW POSSIBILITY ANY DRAMATIC POWER REALIGNMENTS MAY DESTABILIZE THIS EMERGING EQUILIBRIUM. SUGGESTS US PRIORITIES BE REDEFINED, WITH PRIMARY IMPORTANCE BEING VIABLE, CLOSE, LASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN; US-PRC RELATIONS SHOULD "BROADEN, IMPROVE," AND POSSIBLY INSTITUTIONALIZE; US MUST FULLY ACCEPT 4-POWER EQUILIBRIUM,

REALIZING OUR DOMINANCE FORBIDDEN. FINALLY, SK TREATY
COMMITMENTS MUST STAND, WHILE ATTEMPTING INITIATE NK-SK
DIALOGUE AND URGING PRC, SOVIETS, EXERCISE CONSTRAINTS ON
NK. BELIEVES SUCH POLICY SUFFICIENTLY DEMONSTRATES US
DETERMINATION STAY "ENGAGED" IN REGION.

SUNDERLAND (NYDN) SAYS ASIAN ALLIES' REASSESSMENT US
MILITARY BASES THERE MAY MEAN ANY FUTURE EFFECTIVE US
ASIAN MILITARY PRESENCE MUST BE ON US-CONTROLLED SOIL.
SEES PACIFIC ISLAND BASES NEW US PRIORITY, NOTING DIEGO
GARCIA, PRESENTLY OFF LIMITS TO JOURNALISTS, NOW UNDER-
GOING EXPANSION MILITARY FACILITIES INGERSOLL

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